Tuticorin Airport

1086. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) by when the construction of airport near Tuticorin would be completed;

(b) the airports with which Tuticorin airport will be linked for commercial flying operations; and

(c) whether Government propose to operate a daily Boeing service between Madras and Tuticorin hopping at Madurai and Tiruchirapalli?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The target date for completion is 30th September, 1991.

(b) There is no proposal at present for Vayudoot starting any service to Tuticorin.

(c) No, Sir.

विदेशी पर्यटकों को आकर्षित किया जाना

1087. **डा० अबरार अहमद :**
श्रीमती सत्या बहिन :

क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि "भारत भ्रमण वर्ष" कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत इस वर्ष के अन्त तक 20 लाख से अधिक विदेशी पर्यटकों को भारत-यात्रा के लिए आकर्षित करने संबंधी लक्ष्य को प्राप्त करना कठिन होगा; और यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ख) क्या सरकार भारत पर्यटन विकास निगम को होटल व्यवसाय के साथ जोड़ने पर विचार कर रही है; और यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) देश में भारत पर्यटन विकास निगम द्वारा चलाए जा रहे होटलों की संख्या कितनी है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिंधिया): (क) "भारत भ्रमण वर्ष" के दौरान विदेशी पर्यटकों के आगमन के बारे में कोई लक्ष्य निर्धारित नहीं किया गया था तथापि, खाड़ी युद्ध और इसके परिणाम स्वरूप अंतर्राष्ट्रीय पर्यटक यातायात पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ा है जिसमें वर्ष के दौरान भारत आने वाला यातायात भी शामिल है ।

(ख) भारत पर्यटन विकास निगम पहले ही होटल व्यवसाय कर रहा है ।

(ग) देश में भारत पर्यटन विकास निगम के स्वामित्व वाले तथा उसके द्वारा चलाए जा रहे होटलों की संख्या 25 हैं।

Airport at Meerut

1088. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved a site for the construction of an airport at Meerut;

(b) whether Government are examining the proposal to run a Vayudoot service between Meerut-Lucknow and Meerut-Allahabad; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Purchase of Planes for Air India

1089. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to purchase four Boeing 747-400 planes for induction into the Air India fleet;

(b) if so, what are the details of the deal, stating the cost involved, date of the delivery of planes and the firm with which the order has been placed; and

(c) the type of engines to be installed in these aeroplanes?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The purchase of four Boing 747-400 (passenger version) aircraft, from Boeing Commercial Airplane Company and the engines to be installed, at a total estimated cost of Rs. 1962.03 crores, including a foreign exchange component of US 667.09 million dollars, is under consideration. The aircraft are schedule for delivery during 1993 and 1994.

Indian Airlines and Vayudoot services to district headquarters

1090. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of district headquarters in the country which are at present airlinked by the Indian Airlines and Vayudoot services;

(b) which are the DMQs which have landing facilities but have not been provided services of the Indian Airlines or Vayudoot so far;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to airlink all the DHQs;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) A list of stations served by Indian Airlines and Vayudoot in each State/Union Territory is enclosed.

(b) Information will be collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) to (e) Places are airlinked not on the basis of their being district headquarters, but on the basis of the commercial viability of providing air services to them. It is not a feasible proposition to provide air links to all the district headquarters in the country.

List of stations served by Indian Airlines and Vayudoot in each state/Union Territory as on 15th July, 1991.

State/Union Territory	Stations operated by Indian Airlines	Stations operated by Vayudoot
Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad, Vishakapatnam.	Hyderabad, Rajamundry, Trupati, Vijaywada.
Assam	Dibrugarh, Guwahati, Jorhat, Silchar, Tezpur	Guwahati, Silchar
Bihar	Patna, Ranchi	Jamshedpur
Gujarat	Ahmedabad, Bhavnagar, Bhuj, Jamnagar, Rajkot, Vadodara	Kandla, Porbandar, Keshod, Baroda, Rajkot, Ahmedabad
Haryana	—	—
Himachal Pradesh	—	Kulu, Shimla, Gaggal
Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu, Leh, Srinagar	
Karnataka	Bangalore, Mangalore	Bangalore, Belgaum
Kerala	Cochin, Trivandrum, Calicut	Cochin